MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I have already answered, Sir, that they were all relieved.

Strength of the Vernacular High School, Nagercoil.

225. ✱ MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the strength of each division of Classes VIII and IX of the V. H. School, Nagercoil, is much more than the maximum allowed by the Education Code?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Water-logging in the Neyyattinkara taluk.

226. ✱ MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that, due to want of proper drainage channels, a large part of the cultivation and a large number of houses in Edagramom and Karumon in the Neyyattinkara taluk are under water even under normal floods; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any step has been taken to save the ryots from such disastrous effects of the floods?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) No but only in extraordinary floods.

(*b*) This does not arise.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whetether the Chief Engineer has made a local inspection?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): No, I have not.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether the Government consider it necessary to give irrigation facilities to this area?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): We had some petitions regarding this. One petition related to the opening of a channel from the Vellayani lake and it is doubtful whether the canal, if constructed, will be very useful. We are avoiding flooding as much as possible by means of shutters.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*) May I know whether the Chief Engineer knows at least approximately the number of acres of paddy fields that will be benefited by the opening of drainage channels from the Vellayani lake?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I do not know how many acres of paddy fields will be benefited; but I know the channel will have to be three miles in length and I do not think it will be of any use.

Population in Kalkulam taluk.

227. ✱ MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the predominant communities in the Eraniel and Talacolam *pakuthies* of the Kalkulam taluk

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

1. Krishnavaga.
2. Nadar Christians.
3. Hindu Nadars.
4. Chetties.
5. Nairs.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know whether the answer is in the order of their numerical strength ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I cannot say so, Sir, because no information is available about the exact population of each community in different *pakuthies*. Even the Census Report does not give the figures. The answer given is the one supplied by the Division Peishkar. I believe, it is based on the results of local enquires made by the Revenue officers.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the Panchayat Court has got jurisdiction (*Laughter*).

Grants to Vernacular Middle Schools for Girls.

228. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of grant-in-aid V. M. Schools for Girls, the grant-memos of which for 1111 have been renewed before 10-8-1111 ; and

(*b*) the number of grant-in-aid V. M. Schools for Girls, the grant-memos of which for 1111 have not been renewed before 10-3-1111 and the cause for the delay ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) 27.

(*b*) 5 ; owing to the non-receipt of certain information regarding these schools.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : With reference to answer to part (*b*), may I know whether all the five schools referred to therein have been given grants ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether the non-receipt of information was due to the fault of the Management or of the subordinates of the Department?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : That has not been enquired into, Sir. It has been due to the delay in correspondence and of course both sides may be responsible.

Toll-gate at Karakkonam in the Kunnathukal pakuthi.

229. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a toll-gate has been put up at Karakkonam in the Kunnathukal *pakuthi*, Neyyattinkara taluk:

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